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Re: Hacienda Heights Community Plan

Dear Mr. Sanabria:

Thank you for all of the hard work that you and your staff have put into the Hacienda Heights Community Plan. I am a member of the Land Use Coalition of Public Counsel's Early Care and Education Law Project. One of the missions of the Land Use Coalition is to engage land use planning agencies in collaborative efforts to improve the child care infrastructure in Los Angeles County.

Attached is a copy of comments on a prior draft submitted to Veronica Siranosian on September 29, 2008. Thank you for including some of the comments in the revised draft. It is a great first step.

As stated in our prior comments, the County of Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee has adopted a strategic plan entitled "Forging the Future: The Strategic Plan for Child Care and Development for Los Angeles County". <http://ceo.lacounty.gov/ccp/pdf/Strategic%20Plan1-%20Web-final.pdf>. The Planning Committee serves as the local child care planning council for Los Angeles County as mandated by AB 2141; Chapter 1187, Statutes of 1991. Two of the pertinent objectives adopted by the Planning Committee in the Strategic Plan are:

"Continue working to reduce barriers due to zoning regulations and expensive permit requirements in cities throughout the County";

"Include child care language in the general plan for county unincorporated areas".

The revised draft Community Plan does not fully address our prior comments or conform to Los Angeles County's own planning vision for childcare services.

First, the Community Plan offers no language with respect to reduction of land use barriers to childcare services. I have included proposed revisions that would clarify the availability of certain land use categories for childcare services. Our experience has been that child care operators, and even counter planning staff, are often uncertain what land use category child care fits within.

Second, new language regarding childcare services has been incorrectly inserted only into the "Public Services" section of the revised draft. Childcare services such as daycare are generally not provided by government. Childcare services are generally provided by non-profits, and by people who have their own small businesses, and who are principally motivated by the desire to help children. The people who provide childcare services are people who need our help -- and need your help -- to reduce barriers and make the provision of childcare services more accessible. The referenced language should be copied from the "Public Services" section of the Plan to the "Land Use" section of the Plan, to clarify that plans policies and goals with respect to childcare are not confined to government-provided services.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these comments further with you in person or by telephone.

Yours truly,



Allen W. Hubsch

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Hacienda Heights Community Plan Update Draft Community Plan

Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning
Community Studies I Section
Revised August 23, 2010



Open Space

Purpose:

To provide for the preservation of lands for environmental, natural, historical and cultural resource conservation; and, to continue to provide recreational opportunities and preserve natural and wildlife areas for generations.

Intended Uses:

Includes land designated for conservation and recreational uses.

Location:

Throughout the community in the form of parks and preserved natural areas.

Designation(s):

Open Space Conservation (OS-C)

Open Space Parks and Recreation (OS-PR)

Permitted densities and further information on intended uses for each designation can be found in Table 1.

Public and Semi-Public

Purpose:

To provide lands suitable for range of public and semi-public facilities and infrastructure.

Intended Uses:

Includes community-serving uses such as schools, major facilities such as landfills, and utilities such as drainage channels.

Location:

Throughout the community.

Designation(s):

Community Serving (P-C)

Utilities (P-U)

Transportation Corridor (P-T)

Permitted densities and further information on intended uses for each designation can be found in Table 1.

Commercial

Purpose:

To provide lands suitable for a variety of retail, offices, restaurants, businesses, and service establishments that meet the needs of residential neighborhoods.

Intended Uses:

Includes local serving commercial, office and professional businesses, retail and service establishments

including day care centers

Location:

In areas along Hacienda Boulevard, Gale Avenue, Azusa Avenue, and Colima Road.

Designation(s):

General Commercial (CG)

Permitted densities and further information on intended uses for each designation can be found in Table 1.

Industrial

Purpose:

To provide lands suitable for job sites and economic generators.

Intended Uses:

Includes industrial and industrial-park activities.

Location:

Found north of the 60 Freeway adjacent to similar uses in the City of Industry.

Designation(s):

Light Industrial (IL)

Table 1. Hacienda Heights Land Use Categories*

Land Use	Code	Permitted Density or Floor Area Ratio	Intended Uses
RURAL			
Rural Land	RL1	Maximum 1 du/1 ac	Rural land uses include single family residential development, rural, equestrian, agricultural and other related activities, and local serving, ancillary commercial uses.
	RL2	Maximum 1 du/2 ac	
	RL5	Maximum 1 du/5 ac	
	RL10	Maximum 1 du/10 ac	
RESIDENTIAL			
Residential 2	H2	0–2 du/ac	Single -family detached residential development
Residential 5	H5	0–5 du/ac	Single-family detached residential development
Residential 9	H9	0–9 du/ac	Single-family detached residential development
Residential 18	H18	0–18 du/ac	Single-family attached and detached residential development; small lot subdivisions; duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, rowhouses, townhomes and other multi-family residential development.
Residential 30	H30	18–30 du/ac	Multi-family residential development
Residential 50	H50	30–50 du/ac	Multi-family residential development
COMMERCIAL			
General Commercial	CG	FAR: 1.0 18-30 du/ac	Local serving commercial, office and professional businesses, retail and service establishments
INDUSTRIAL			
Light Industrial	IL	FAR: 1.0	Light industrial and industrial park activities
PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC			
Community Serving	P-C	N/A	Public and semi-public community-serving uses, including: public buildings, public and private educational institutions, hospitals, cemeteries, government buildings, and fairgrounds.
Transportation Facilities	P-T	N/A	Airports and other major transportation facilities.
Facilities and Utilities	P-U	N/A	Major facilities, including landfills, solid and liquid waste disposal sites, multiple use stormwater treatment facilities, and utilities.

including day care centers

day care centers

Policy M 1.3:

Ensure that bus stops are easily and safely accessible by foot, bicycle, or automobile.

Policy M 1.4:

Create a community shuttle service and designate shuttle routes to link residential neighborhoods to commercial areas and community facilities.

Policy M 1.5:

Promote and expand the Park and Ride bus system, including providing bike parking facilities at Park and Ride locations.

Policy M 1.6:

Promote Dial-a-Ride or other senior paratransit service.

Goal M-2:

Safe and well-maintained bike routes and facilities.

Policy M 2.1:

Upgrade existing Class III bike lane designations to Class II and make all new bike lanes Class II or better, where infrastructure permits.

Policy M 2.2:

Install safe bike accommodations in appropriate places along Hacienda Boulevard, Colima Road and other well-traveled roads.

Policy M 2.3:

Add and maintain new bike racks and lockers at major bus stops in commercial areas, and at all community facilities.

Policy M 2.4:

Educate riders and motorists on how to safely share the road, for example through Share the Road signage and educational campaigns.

Goal M-3:

Safe and well-maintained pedestrian pathways.

Policy M 3.1:

Maintain all sidewalks, crosswalks, paths, and overpasses in a clean and safe manner, including re-cementing, removing weeds, and repairing utility boxes, and use sustainable paving materials, when possible.

Policy M 3.2:

In residential areas where sidewalks do not exist, require visual indicators, such as safety striping and signs, to delineate driving areas from non-vehicular areas.

Policy M 3.3:

Along major corridors, provide highly visible and safe crosswalks with well-marked indicators that are visible to both pedestrians and drivers, and install crosswalk countdown signals that provide adequate time for people of all ages and abilities to cross.

Policy M 3.4:

Provide adequate and, when possible, downward facing street lighting along arterials and collector streets.

Goal M-4:

Community circulation that supports regional and state transportation goals.

Policy M 4.1: Consider contributing to improvements on state highway systems, including SR 60 and its on/off ramps, as well as bus and rail transit facilities, for example, through traffic impact fees.

Policy M 4.2: Include vehicle demand reducing strategies, such as incentives for commuters to use transit, park and ride lots, etc. as mitigation alternatives for potentially environmentally significant projects.

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Policy LU 3.4:

Preserve open space for recreation or land preservation.

Policy LU 3.5:

Pursue acquisition or joint use of school or other suitable sites, if and when they become available, to create new public space areas, such as parks or other public uses (for example, as shown on the Potential Public Spaces Map).

Goal LU-4:

Protected hillsides and ridgelines.

Policy LU 4.1:

Minimize alteration of the hillside caused by development.

Policy LU 4.2:

Require contour grading in hillside areas (areas above 25% slope) to mimic the appearance of a natural hillside, unless it has a negative impact on slope stability or drainage.

Policy LU 4.3:

Locate new structures off the top of a ridgeline (as shown on the Ridgelines Map), when determined by the reviewing agency to be possible, to preserve undeveloped ridges.

Policy LU 4.4:

Encourage architectural styles and design that are compatible with the natural landscape in hillside areas.

Goal LU-5:

New development with minimal risk from natural hazards.

Policy LU 5.1:

Locate new uses with hazardous emissions away from existing sensitive receptors, including but not limited to housing and schools.

Policy LU 5.2:

Restrict the intensity of development in areas with hazards, including landslide, high fire hazard, seismic, flood, and liquefaction areas.

Appearance (A)

Goal A-1:

A shared sense of place and street identity.

Policy A 1.1:

Promote a welcoming experience by creating a community gateway through identifying signage, or other visual cues at the primary entryways into the community.

Policy A 1.2:

Require street furniture and community signs to be consistent with established street furniture and right-of-way standards, as established and implemented by Department of Public Works.

Policy A 1.3:

Enhance local walkways with landscaping, pavement treatments, and other beautification measures.

Goal A-2:

Clean and well-maintained public spaces.

Policy A 2.1:

Promptly remove outdated or illegal signs and notices on public rights-of-way.

Policy A 2.2:

Encourage community members to report on activity that is detrimental to the sense of safety or appearance of public spaces, such as through 211 and the Graffiti Hotline.

Policy A 2.3:

Provide garbage and recycling receptacles in public places throughout the community.

Policy PS 1.2:
Offer educational and developmental programs for residents of all ages.

Goal PS-2:
Information on community matters that is accurate and timely.

Policy PS 2.1:
Provide information on local jobs, education and self-improvement classes, environmental conservation, services, announcements, events, and resources via a community website.

Policy PS 2.2:
Expand wireless Internet (WiFi) access at County facilities and educate the public on its use as well as other available technologies.

Policy PS 2.3:
Promote the Graffiti Hotline, 211, and other phone-based information management systems.

Goal PS-3: **LU-6:**
Childcare services that meet the community's needs.

Policy PS-3.1: **LU-6.1:**
Encourage the development of a range of childcare facilities, including public and private childcare centers, infant care, and after-school care.

Goal PS-4:
A community that offers physical and educational enrichment opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors.

Policy PS 4.1:
Offer jobs and activities for people of all ages at local County facilities and parks.

Policy PS 4.2:
Promote volunteer/internship opportunities with County departments.

Goal PS-5: *A community connected through a multi-use community center where community members of all ages and cultures can convene, recreate, learn and interact.*

Policy PS 5.1:
Ensure community participation in the design and planning of the center.

Policy PS 5.2:
Acknowledge and celebrate the community's multiculturalism through facility design.

Policy PS 5.3:
Promote programming that brings together residents of diverse backgrounds.

Goal PS-6:
Growth in line with infrastructure capacity.

Policy PS 6.1:
Ensure adequate water supply and quality.

Policy PS 6.2:
Ensure adequate sewage or septic systems.

Policy PS 6.3:
Ensure adequate energy from both traditional and alternative sources whenever available while promoting more sustainable alternatives.

Policy PS 6.4:
Promote water conservation, including the use of reclaimed water materials and equipment, in future development.

Policy PS 6.5:
Require the undergrounding of all new utilities and the unobtrusive placement of service boxes for all new developments through the creation of underground utility districts per Los Angeles County Highways Code Chapter 16.32.

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Policy LU 6.2:

Reduce barriers to childcare services due to zoning regulations and expensive permit requirements to address shortfalls of existing services.

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Policy M 4.3:

Encourage the development of childcare centers in and near transit oriented development, to support working families.

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Re: Hacienda Heights Community Plan

Dear Ms. Siranosian:

I had an opportunity to attend the August 6, 2008 presentation by Ms. Sinclair and you of the Hacienda Heights Community Plan, and was very impressed by the effort and enthusiasm that has resulted in the August 27 draft plan update. It was a pleasure speaking with you by telephone last week.

I am a volunteer with the Land Use Coalition of Public Counsel's Early Care and Education Law Project. One of the missions of the Land Use Coalition is to engage planning agencies in collaborative efforts to improve the child care infrastructure in Los Angeles County.

The Office of Child Care of the Chief Executive Office of Los Angeles County periodically conducts comprehensive child care needs assessments within the County of Los Angeles. The 2006 needs assessment for Hacienda Heights shows a shortfall of childcare services for Hacienda Heights in two of three reported categories: infant childcare and school age (i.e., after-school) childcare. See attached pages, printed from the website of the Office of Childcare, County of Los Angeles, <http://gismap.co.la.ca.us/childcare>.

The importance of childcare to working families is extremely important. In January 2008, the County of Los Angeles partnered with several other agencies to author "The

Economic Impact of the Early Care Education Industry in Los Angeles County". <http://ceo.lacounty.gov/ccp/pdf/LA%20Economic%20Impact%20Report-Jan08.pdf>. I refer you to the County's website and the referenced report for more information about the importance of childcare to our communities.

Childcare is especially important in Hacienda Heights. The Vision Statement for the draft Community Plan recognizes that Hacienda Heights is a "bedroom community", which the Community Plan defines as meaning that "the majority of residents commute to their places of work for over 30 minutes per day, on average".

In December 2007, the County of Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee adopted a strategic plan entitled "Forging the Future: The Strategic Plan for Child Care and Development for Los Angeles County". <http://ceo.lacounty.gov/ccp/pdf/Strategic%20Plan1-%20Web-final.pdf>. The Planning Committee serves as the local child care planning council for Los Angeles County as mandated by AB 2141; Chapter 1187, Statutes of 1991. Two of the pertinent objectives adopted by the Planning Committee in the Strategic Plan are:

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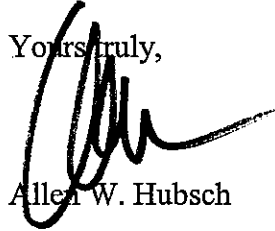
Unfortunately, a word search of the draft Hacienda Heights Community Plan reveals no use of the terms "childcare," "day care," "after school care" or similar words. Although the draft Community Plan refers to schools and education and recreational facilities, those terms are not generally understood (at least in a planning context) to include childcare, day care or after school care.

In addition, the draft Community Plan contains a troubling reference to "discouraging the construction of schools, medical facilities or other noise sensitive features within the 65 dBA contour". Los Angeles County's zoning regulations encourage, and generally confine, daycare to commercial zones. In fact, in unincorporated County areas, daycare is permitted in all commercial zones, including C-H (Commercial Highway) and C-M (Commercial Manufacturing). These commercial zones may sometimes, or frequently, be within the 65 dBA contour. Daycare serving working parents often works best in commercial zones, along or near busy streets and other businesses. To require that daycare be located in commercial zones, but then perhaps suggest that daycare cannot be located within the 65dBA contour is inconsistent from a planning perspective, and certainly does not meet the County's own stated goal of "working to reduce barriers due to zoning regulations and expensive permit requirements" for daycare.

Veronica Siranosian
September 29, 2008
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Based upon the foregoing, I would suggest some small, but very important, revisions to the draft Hacienda Heights Community Plan. See the handwritten comments and Insert "A" which are attached to this letter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen W. Hubsch", written over the printed name.

Allen W. Hubsch

cc: Karla Pleitéz, Public Counsel (via e-mail, w/encl.)

Office of Child Care
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2006 Child Care Needs Assessment Reporting Tool

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Forging the Future:
The Strategic Plan for Child Care and Development
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Los Angeles County



Revised December 2007
Prepared by the County of Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee



Outcome Area III: Access to a Sufficient Supply

Goal: Ensure that all families in the County have access to a sufficient supply of quality early care and education and supervised school-age enrichment options for children from birth to 13.

Strategy 1	Objectives (2008-2013)	Long Term Objectives (2013)
Increase the supply of facilities in Los Angeles County with special consideration for children with disabilities and other special needs, and for the cultural and linguistic diversity of families.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue working to reduce barriers due to zoning regulations and expensive permit requirements in cities throughout the County. (2010) 2. Facilitate a coordinated system of technical assistance for new or expanding center or home-based child care. (2010) 3. Include child care language in the general plan for county unincorporated areas. (2010) 	<p>The shortfall in licensed care reported in the 2006 Needs Assessment will be reduced by up to half.</p> <p>Half of all Los Angeles County cities will include child care language in their general plans.</p>
Strategy 2	Objectives (2008-2013)	Long Term Objectives (2013)
Increase the availability of and access to appropriate options for children with disabilities and other special needs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure the integration of Special Needs Advisory Project (SNAP) services into ongoing child care resource and referral (R&R) activities and support necessary funding to maintain SNAP specialists in each R&R. (2008-09) 2. Encourage integration among systems which serve children with disabilities and other special needs, including R&Rs, regional centers, and school districts. (2008-11) 3. Identify and encourage the development of model programs and family child care homes serving children with disabilities and other special needs. (2008-11) 4. Establish more connections between child care providers and early intervention specialists, mental health specialists, and other therapists to enable providers to work effectively with children with special needs in typical early care and education settings. (2010) 5. Maintain links from the Office of Child Care Web site to helpful resources and information on programs and services related to working with children with special needs available to early care and education providers and the families they serve. (2009-10) 	<p>Half of all early care and education and school-age enrichment options will have the capacity to serve children with disabilities and other special needs.</p> <p>Seventy-five (75) percent of Los Angeles County colleges will offer unit bearing training to work with children with disabilities and other special needs, either through specific classes or through embedding special needs curriculum into core courses.</p> <p>Half of the specialists in early intervention, mental health, etc., throughout the County will have worked directly with licensed child care providers/programs.</p>



Draft Components

Hacienda Heights Community Plan Update

August 27, 2008
Community Studies I Section

Section 3: Goals and Policies

"Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible."

- Anthony Robbins

From Vision to Action

The community vision articulates a shared ideal future for Hacienda Heights. In order actualize the community's vision, the Community Plan is organized around five action themes. Each action theme is derived directly from the vision statement. The action themes focus the Plan's goals, policies, and implementation measures on achieving the community vision.

Table 12: From Vision to Action

Vision Statement		Action Theme
Hacienda Heights is a safe, clean bedroom community where residents from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds co-exist and cooperate.	→	Provide (PD)
We are proud of our homes and value our natural surroundings, especially the view of our hills and our wildlife areas.	→	Protect (PT)
Our well-designed and maintained commercial areas, streets, and public spaces provide residents of all ages with a diversity of activities, products, and services.	→	Enhance (EN)
The community is well-planned and well-connected, and the efficient transportation network makes getting around easy.	→	Connect (CT)
Our great schools, new healthcare facilities, state-of-the-art multipurpose center and many parks make our community ideal for families.	→	Evolve (EV)

These action themes guide the transition of the Vision Statement into a Plan of Action. The interconnectedness and complexity of community issues requires a comprehensive planning approach. The following table illustrates the Plan of Action derived from the vision statement and defines the purpose for each action area.

Table 13: Action Plan and Purpose

Action	Plan of Action	Action Purpose
Provide (PD)	We provide services and opportunities to meet our diverse residents' physical, social, health and educational needs.	The purpose of PROVIDE is to meet residents physical, health, and educational needs. Providing a diversity of activities, products, and services will enable residents to live fuller, richer lives.
Protect (PT)	We protect our residents, wildlife, views and natural environments to preserve these assets for future generations to enjoy.	The purpose of PROTECT is to keep residents, wildlife, the built and natural environments safe over time. These policies help us feel comfortable and secure now and ensure that the quality of life and natural resources in Hacienda Heights are maintained for future generations.

Goal PD6 Quality Information

- Policy PD6.1 Create and maintain an "online community center/communications center" for information on local jobs, services and resources.
- Policy PD6.2 Create a mechanism for promptly submitting and routing questions, complaints and suggestions to the appropriate entities.
- Policy PD6.3 Provide and educate on WiFi and other available technologies.
- Policy PD6.4 Promote graffiti hotline, 211, and other phone-based systems.
- Policy PD6.5 Offer up-to-date information on environmental conservation.

Goal PD7 Access to Healthy Food

- Policy PD7.1 Encourage family restaurants with healthy food options.
- Policy PD7.2 Prohibit mobile ice cream and candy vendors within 500 feet of schools.
- Policy PD7.3 Encourage local fresh fruit produce vendors, community gardens, and farmers' markets.

Enhance

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The purpose of ENHANCE is to create a shared sense of place—one that is safe, clean, attractive and appealing. These policies not only enhance our quality of life, but they have the additional potential for increasing community pride, stewardship, and even property values.

Goal EN1 Uniform Walls Along Major Streets

- Policy EN1.1 Promote visual continuity through the use of uniform paint or other Director approved devices or materials.
- Policy EN1.2 Establish a wall maintenance program.

Goal EN2 Clean and Well-Maintained Commercial Areas

- Policy EN2.1 Comply with design guidelines for commercial lots, structures and signage.
- Policy EN2.2 Maintain buildings, parking areas, and landscaping in a clean and orderly manner.
- Policy EN2.3 Require a setback of at least 5 feet to prohibit structures from building out to the right-of-way or sidewalk.
- Policy EN2.4 Require parking lots with over 20 spaces to contain shade trees or other natural elements as part of the design.

Goal EN3 Aesthetically Pleasing Rights of Way

- Policy EN3.1 Maintain public rights of way and medians with non-invasive landscaping or other natural elements.
- Policy EN3.2 Replace dead landscaping and remove weeds and invasive plants immediately.
- Policy EN3.3 Remove trash and debris regularly.
- Policy EN3.4 Promote the installation of shade trees along major corridors.

Goal EN4 Picturesque Residential Areas

- Policy EN4.1 Require that parking and trash areas of multiple family residential complexes be effectively screened by landscaping, berms, compatible structures, or a combination of these.
- Policy EN4.2 Encourage property tax incentives for the maintenance and rehabilitation of dwellings.

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GOAL PD8 Childcare Services

Policy PD8.1 Encourage the development of a range of childcare facilities, including public and private child care centers, and including infant care and after-school care, to serve the needs of working families.

Policy PD8.2 Reduce barriers to childcare services due to zoning regulations and expensive permit requirements.

General Plan Goal Index

A component of the Los Angeles County General Plan, the Hacienda Heights Community Plan complements the countywide goals and policies in the General Plan by addressing specific local-level issues. While the goals and policies in the Community Plan are focused on achieving the community's vision through actions, the General Plan is organized around addressing particular state-mandated issues, or elements. The following table indexes the goals found in this Plan with the elements found in the countywide General Plan for cross-referencing purposes. Policy guidance on all issues not addressed in the Community Plan is found in the General Plan

Table 14: Goals Index

		Los Angeles County Draft General Plan (2008)							
		Land Use	Mobility	Air Resources	Conservation and Open Space	Noise	Safety	Public Services and Facilities	Economic Development
Hacienda Heights Draft Community Plan	Connect	CT3 CT4	CT1 CT2 CT3 CT4 CT5		CT3 CT4 CT5				
	Protect	PT5 PT6			PT2 PT3 PT4 PT6 PT7	PT8	PT1		
	Provide	PD1 PD5 PD7 PD8			PD2 PD3 ?			PD4 PD6 PD8	PD8
	Enhance	EN2 EN4 EN6			EN3			EN4 EN5	EN1 EN2 EN3 EN5 EN6
	Evolve	EV1 EV2 EV5		EV6	EV1 EV3 EV4 EV6			EV3 EV6	EV2 EV4

Policy PT8.2 Discourage the construction of schools, medical facilities ~~or other noise sensitive features~~ within the 65 dBA contour (as measured or calculated on the Ldn Scale). ✓

Provide

The purpose of PROVIDE is to meet residents physical, health, and educational needs. Providing a diversity of activities, products, and services will enable residents to live fuller, richer lives.

Goal PD1 Housing

- Policy PD1.1 Promote development of affordable housing that is safe and accessible to local amenities and community resources.
- Policy PD1.2 Site senior housing and other higher-density developments near amenities such as shopping and public transportation.
- Policy PD1.3 Provide a range of housing types to accommodate all income levels.
- Policy PD1.4 Promote mixed-use development in existing commercial areas.
- Policy PD1.5 Encourage the allocation of housing subsidies to the Hacienda Heights Community.
- Policy PD1.6 Distribute low and moderate income units equitably throughout the community.

Goal PD2 Recreational Facilities

- Policy PD2.1 Ensure equitable access for all users, including residents and organizations
- Policy PD2.2 Promote individual and community use of facilities.
- Policy PD2.3 Offer free and low-fee continuing education opportunities in the arts, music, education, cultural, health.
- Policy PD2.4 Establish and maintain a coordinated reservation system for County parks and facilities.
- Policy PD2.5 Encourage use of recreational facilities by local sports leagues and organizations.
- Policy PD2.6 Ensure that all public parks and facilities are smoke-free.

Goal PD3 Opportunities for Physical Activity

- Policy PD3.1 Install and maintain permanent moderate exercise equipment and facilities in parks, including those especially designed for physical rehabilitation and therapy.
- Policy PD3.2 Offer free and low-fee continuing enrichment opportunities in physical fitness, exercise and other healthy habits.
- Policy PD3.3 Promote the creation of new parks in neighborhoods that currently have no parks, particularly those neighborhoods north of the 60 Freeway.
- Policy PD3.4 Ensure new park sites are fully remediated to the most stringent applicable standard prior to the introduction of new uses.

Goal PD4 Library Services

- Policy PD4.1 Expand Library access via a mobile van.
- Policy PD4.2 Offer educational and developmental programs for residents of all ages.
- Policy PD4.3 Expand Library services.

Goal PD5 Medical Services

- Policy PD5.1 Provide local access to medical professionals and services such as a clinic and urgent care center.
- Policy PD5.2 Offer preventive services, including immunizations, smoking cessation, and recommended health screenings, at local clinics.

Section 4: Program Implementation

"There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long range risks and costs of comfortable inaction."

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The premise of this Plan is that planning for the future is about making changes today so that the future we want is the one that we get. This section lays out a "starter kit" for initiating action among planners, service providers, decision makers, local leaders and the community. This Plan defines action as a unique and dynamic combination of programs, projects, evaluations and studies which, taken together, constitute the Action Plan. The Action Plan, which provides a sharp focus, clear purpose, and careful objectives, will be the starting point for subsequent projects. This section demonstrates the Plan's intent to go farther than other community plans to move together from vision to action.

Table 15: Action Plan Summary

Action Area	Purpose Statement	Objective	Partners
Connect	To link people to places by providing a range of circulation options for all residents. Create an efficient, well-connected community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relieve traffic congestion Increase street safety Promote a variety of transportation options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Works Regional Planning Public Health Parks CalTrans HHIA Metro Community Members
Protect	To keep residents, wildlife and the built and natural environments safe over time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguard natural resources Prepare for emergencies Preserve community character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Planning Public Health Hacienda-La Puente School District Habitat Preservation Authority Sherriff Fire Parks Community Members
Provide	To meet residents' physical, health, and educational needs.	Increase access to opportunities for housing, recreation, activities, products, services, and information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Office Library Public Health Parks HHIA Public Works Community Monitors Hacienda-La Puente School District Universities Community Members

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PROVIDE in action

Purpose:

The purpose of PROVIDE is to meet residents' physical, health, and educational needs.

Objectives:

- Increase access to opportunities for housing, recreation, activities, products, services, and information

Action Partners:

- Board Office
- Library
- Public Health
- Parks
- HHIA
- Public Works
- Community Monitors
- Hacienda-La Puente School District
- Community Members

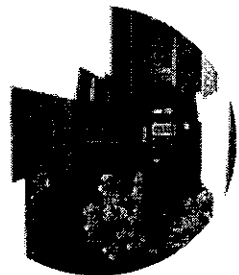
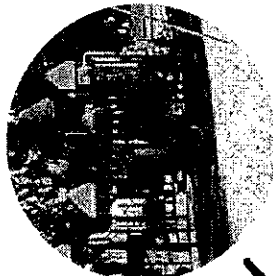
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Potential Funding Sources:

(TBD)

*diversity of activities
housing
opportunities
information*

child care ✓



	Study/Program	Potential Location	Corresponding Goals
N O W	Community Website	Online	PD2, PD6
	Free WiFi	Public facilities Schools Main corridor Communitywide	PD6
	Housing Information Forum	Public facilities & schools	PD1
	Affordable Housing Inventory	Communitywide	PD1
	Nutrition and Cooking Classes	Community Center	PD7
S O O N	Medical Clinic	Available commercial space community center	PD5
	Community Garden	Community park	PD7
	Mobile Library	Communitywide (stops at parks and schools; see diagram)	PD4
	Exercise Equipment	Parks	PD3
	Promote Affordable Housing Incentives	Countywide – targeted at developers	PD1

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